Pension to the Legislators

522 SRI HANJI SHIVANNA (Tarikere).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government intend to bring in a Legislation before the House for sanction of pension to the Members of this House, past and present, who have served for a specified period as has been done in other States;

(*b*) when Government intend to bring in such a legislation in this State ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The question of granting pension to the Members of the State Legislature is under consideration.

(*b*) As soon as a decision is taken in the matter.

Calling Atenttion to Matters of Urgent Public Importance

(*i*) *re : Scarcity of driking water in Birur Town*

SRI M. MALLAPPA (Birur).—I call the attention of the Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration regarding the acute scarcity of drinking water in Birur Town.

SRI D. K. NAIKAR (Minister for Municipal Administration).—I wish to make the following statement.

The Water Supply scheme to Birur Town is being maintained by the Municipality. The population of the town as per 1971 census is 14,158 and the present population is about 15,000. There are 10 borewells in Birur Town out of which 9 are in service. There are 2 R. C. C. overhead tanks of 50,000 gallons capacity which are filled up once a day and another R. C. C over head tank of 10,000 gallons capacity which is being filled up 2 to 3 times daily. The air compresser and pumpsets are working 16 to 17 hours daily.

The total quantity of water collected and supplied works out to 1,20,000 gallons per day. As the present population of Birur Town is 15,000 the rate of supply of water is 8 gallons per capita per day. Hence there is no scarcity of drinking water in Birur Town.

The 'rising main' carrying water from the borewells to the central pump and the distribution lines are C I. P. V. C. and G I. Pipes. On account of heavy percentage of calcium in the water, encrustation of the Pipes with calcium deposits has occurred resulting in heavy reduction of diameter of pipes and consequent unequal